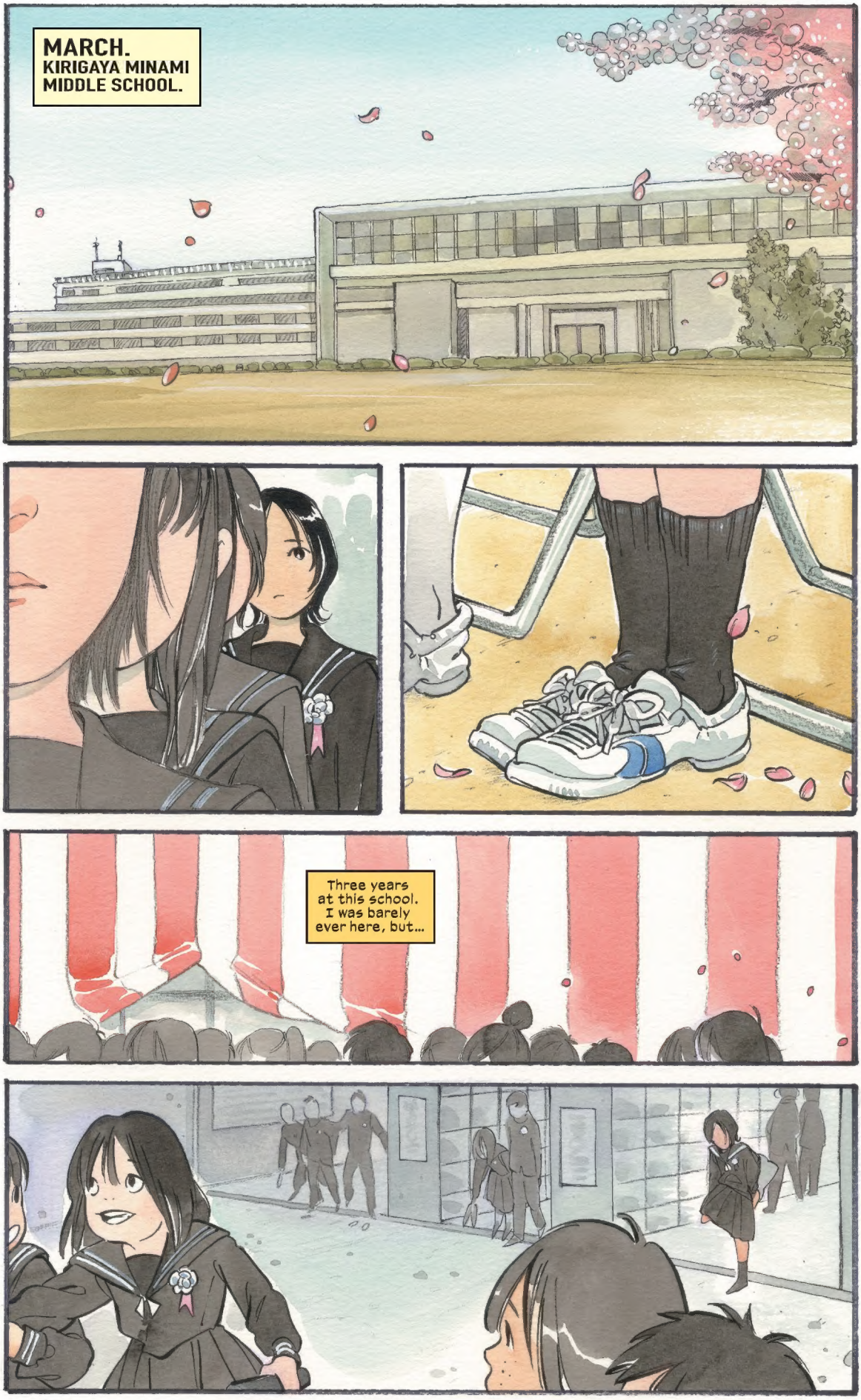
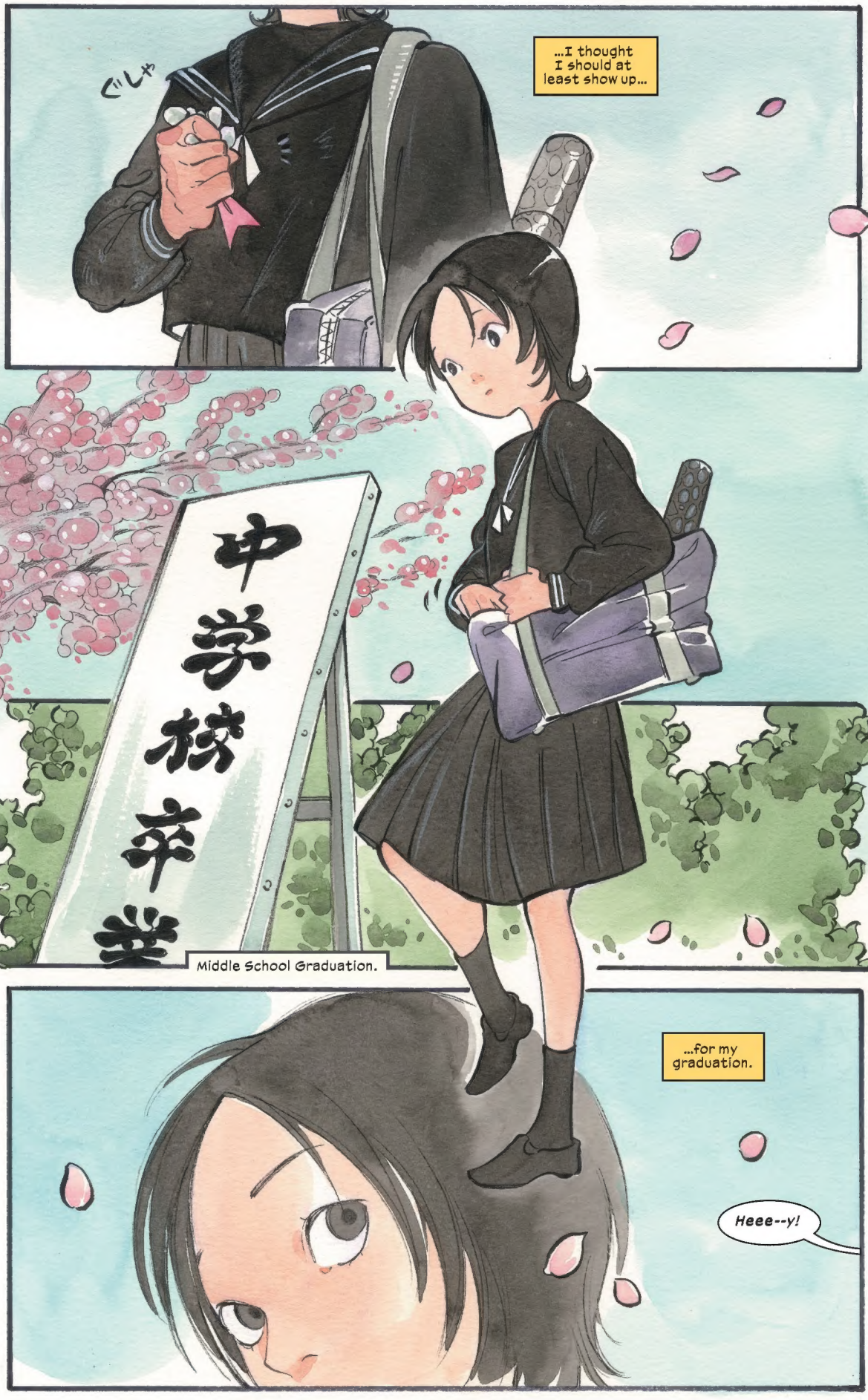
MARVEL

ULTIMATE X-MEN

PEACH MOMOKO


MARCH.
KIRIGAYA MINAMI
MIDDLE SCHOOL.
Three years at this school. I was barely ever here, but...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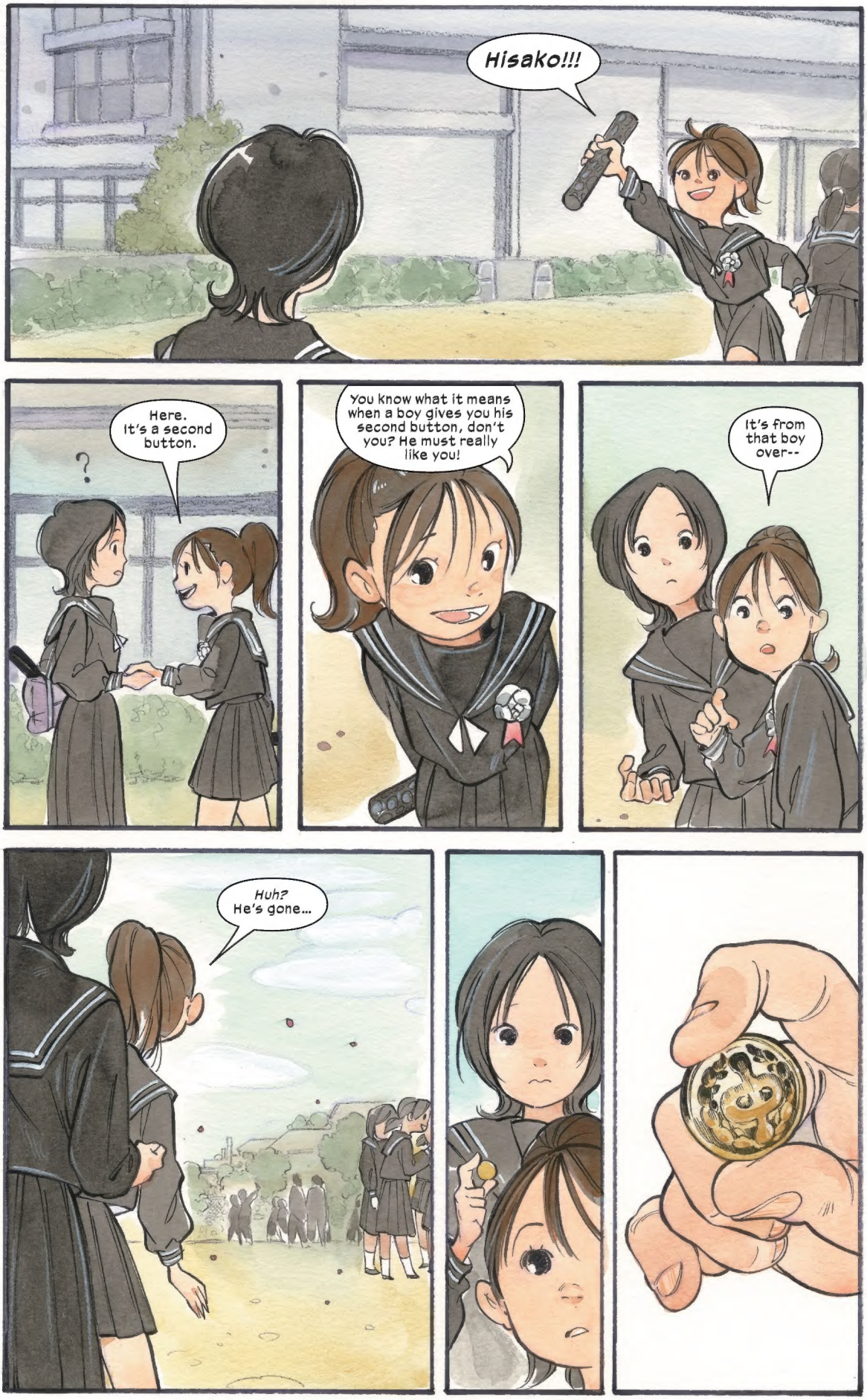
...I thought I should at least show up...
中学校卒業
Middle School Graduation.
...for my graduation.
Heee--y!


Hisako!!!
Here. It's a second button.
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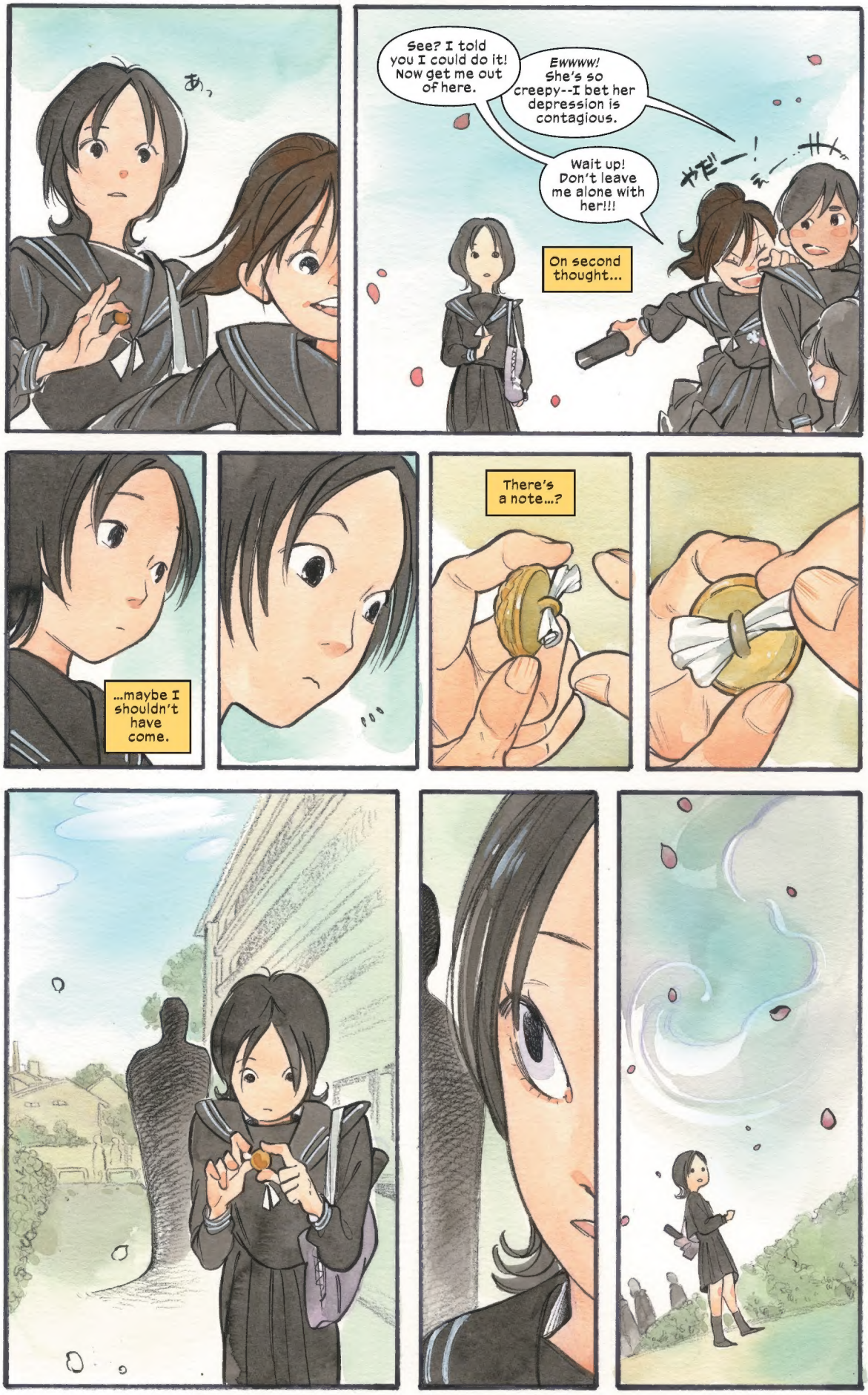
You know what it means when a boy gives you his second button, don't you? He must really like you!
It's from that boy over--
Huh? He's gone...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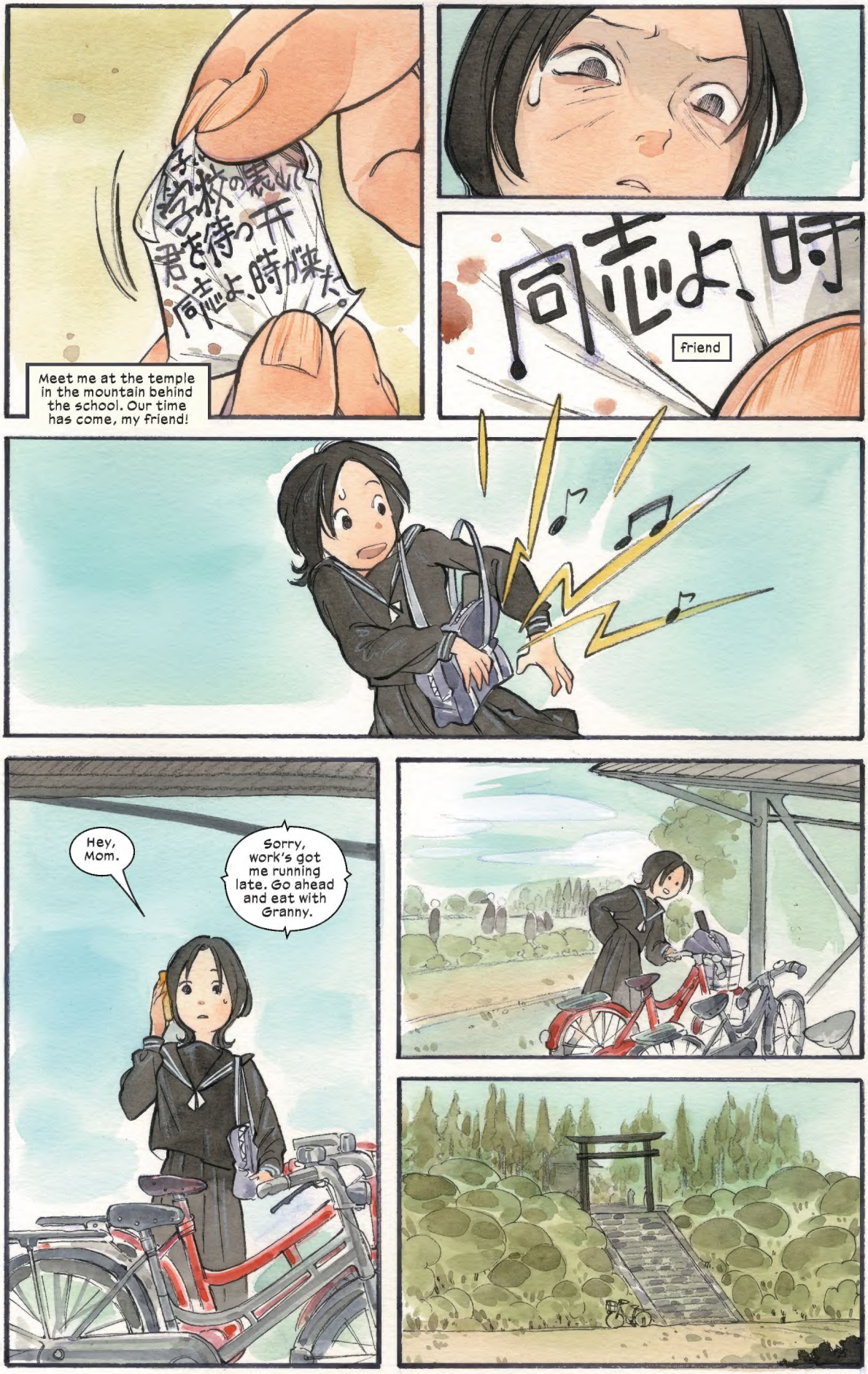
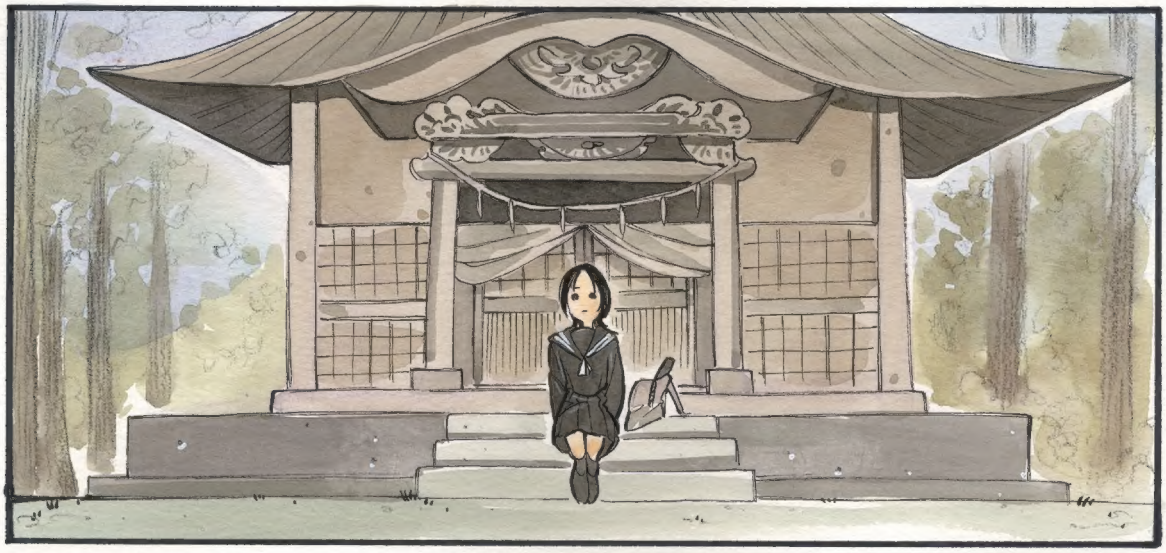
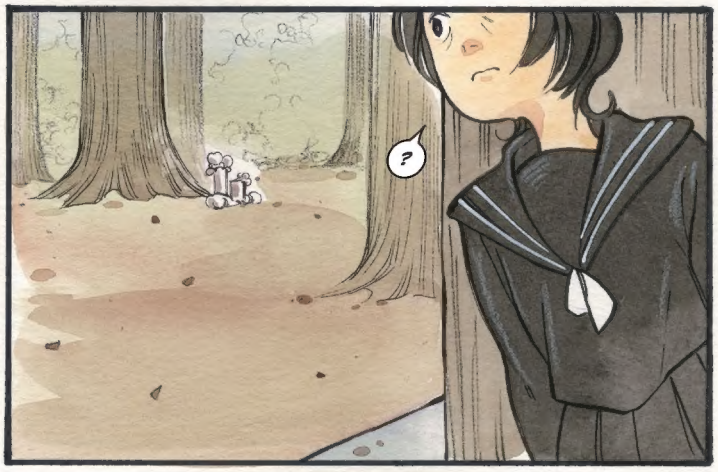
See? I told you I could do it! Now get me out of here.
Ewwww! She's so creepy--I bet her depression is contagious.
Wait up! Don't leave me alone with her!!!
On second thought...
ヤダー！
...maybe I shouldn't have come.
There's a note...?


学校の裏山の寺
君を待つ
同志よ、時が来た。
Meet me at the temple in the mountain behind the school. Our time has come, my friend!
同志よ、時
friend
Hey, Mom.
Sorry, work's got me running late. Go ahead and eat with Granny.



I don't know why I came. All my decisions today have been wrong.
I bet it's all a stupid prank...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ててっ!...

What's wrong with me? ...I'm seeing things.
Hisako, I knew you would come.
Hoping to make new friends?
Who are you?

Did you leave that note in the button?
I did.
I needed some way to meet you since you haven't been going to school.
What do you want?
To give you this.
Wh-where did you get this...?

So you DO remember Tsubasa?
I'm sure that would please him. But then, you were "friends," after all.
Did you know I was close to Tsubasa too?
"Not as close as you, of course...
はい、おみやげ"
I got this for you, Hisako.
"Tsubasa was kind. He was always happy and smiling.
ばいばい
"So full of life.

"Until he died.
"We didn't notice-- no, we didn't care to listen to his cries for help.
Come on, just tell them to back off. You can't just run away. It'll be okay.
大丈夫だよ。
"We could have saved Tsubasa if we had bothered to hear him.
"But we turned away.
"Admit it. We killed Tsubasa."

You know that. You just don't want to take responsibility.
That's why you stopped coming to school.
Stop!
I tried to--it wasn't my fault--
I quit running from my problem. My eyes are open.
The time for sorrow is over. Now is the time for VENGEANCE.

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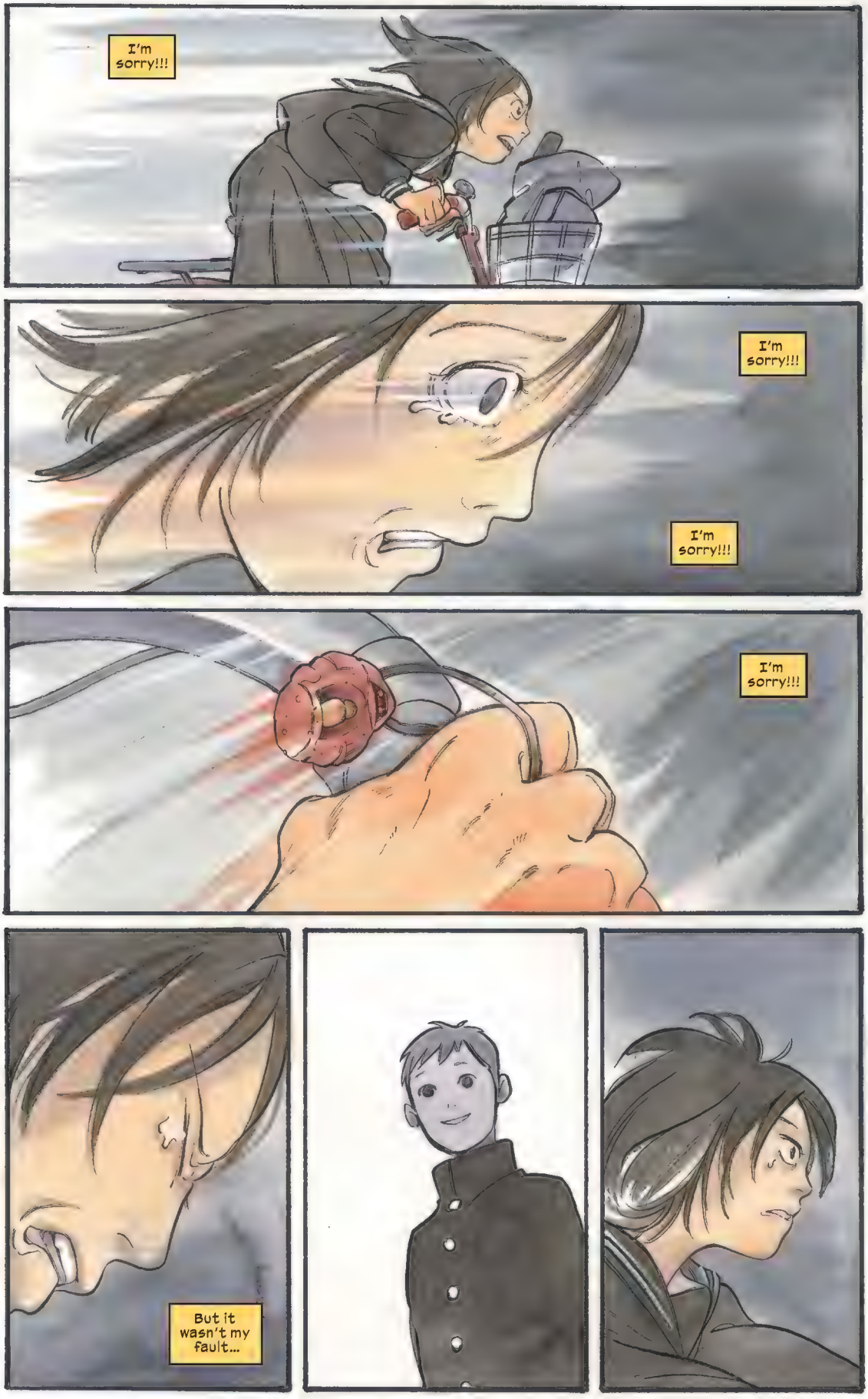
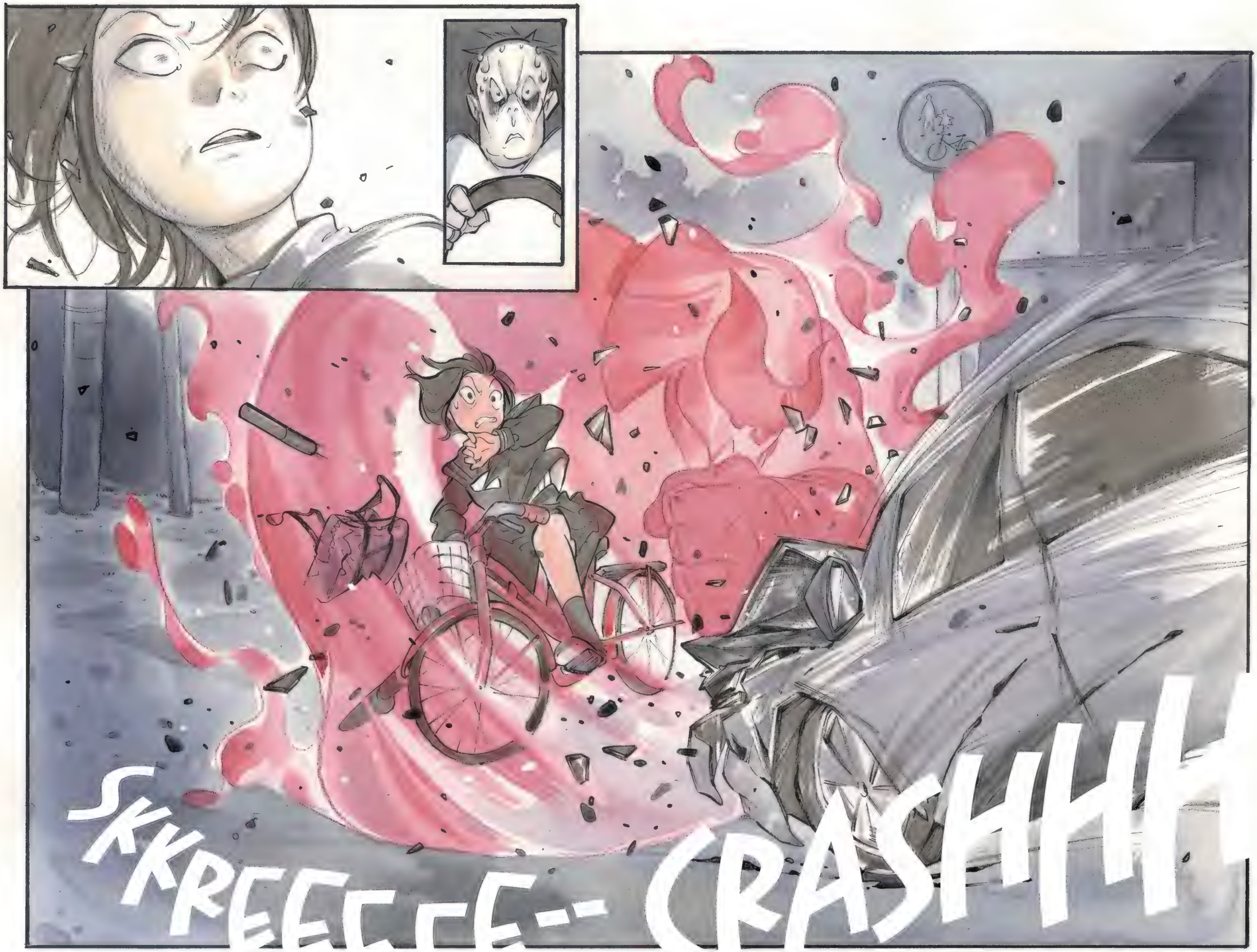
What's this?
...ew...

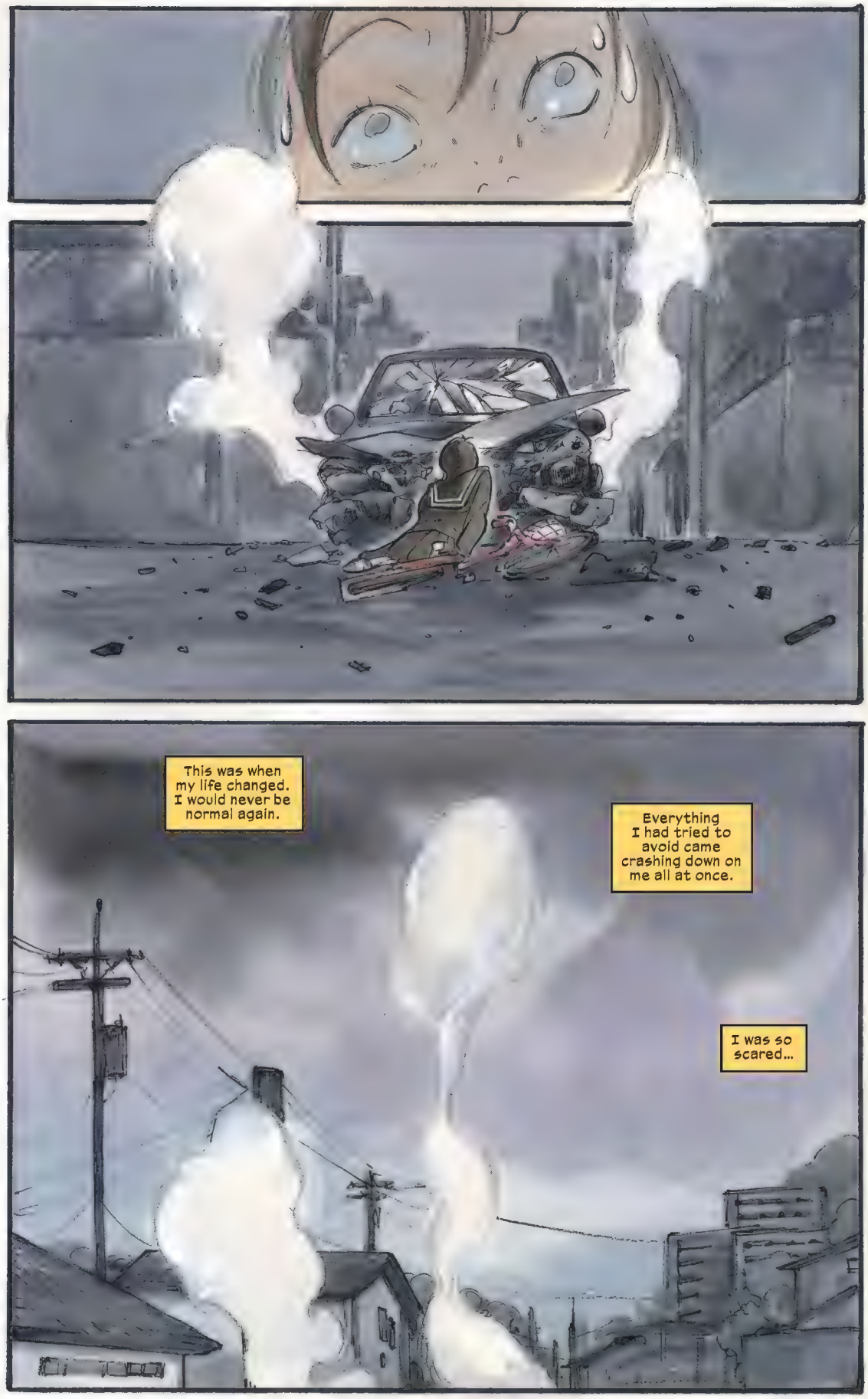
Gyaaaaaaahhh!!!

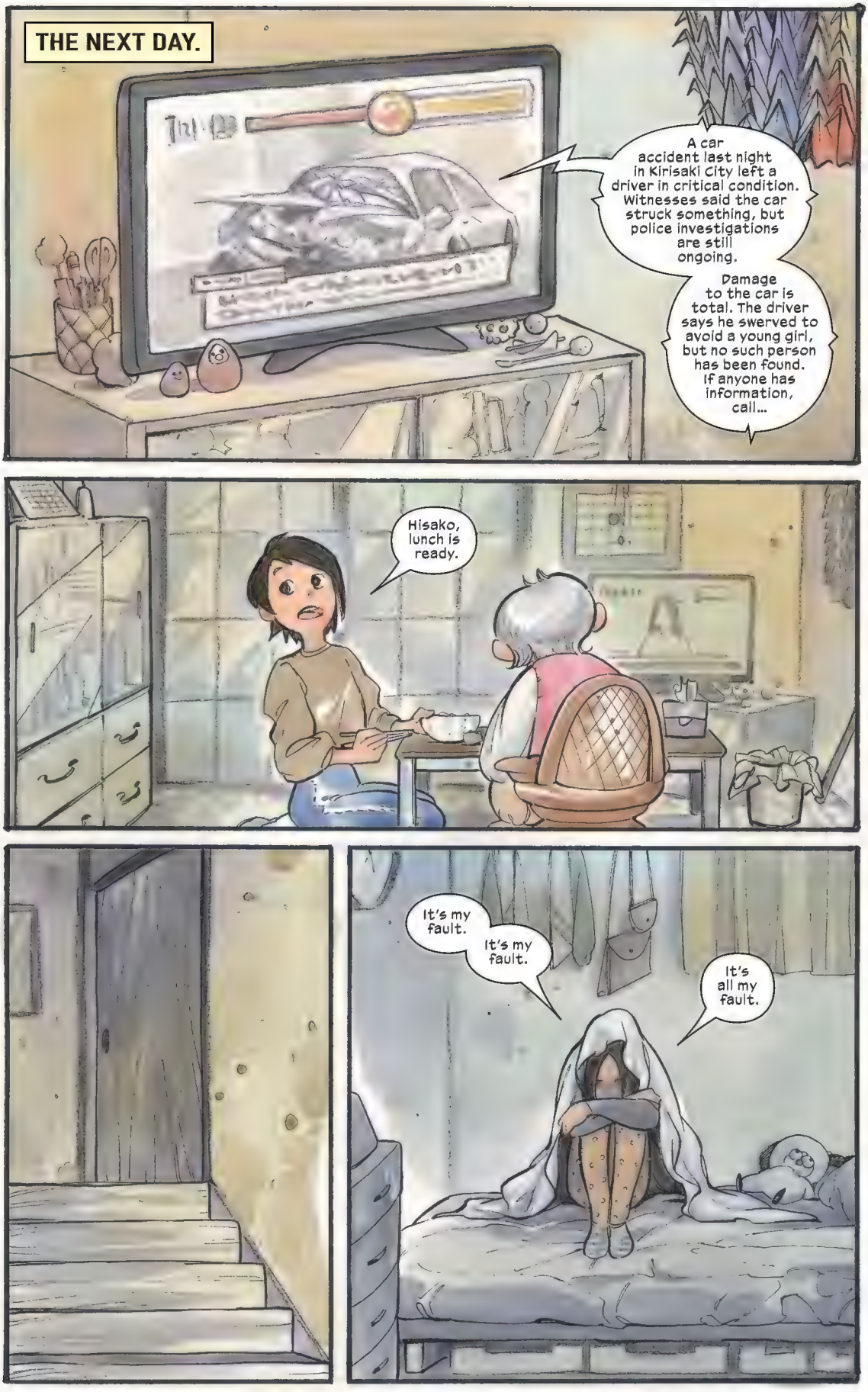

I'm sorry!!!
I'm sorry!!!
I'm sorry!!!
I'm sorry!!!
But it wasn't my fault...

Why are you running away? You're the one who told me not to run.

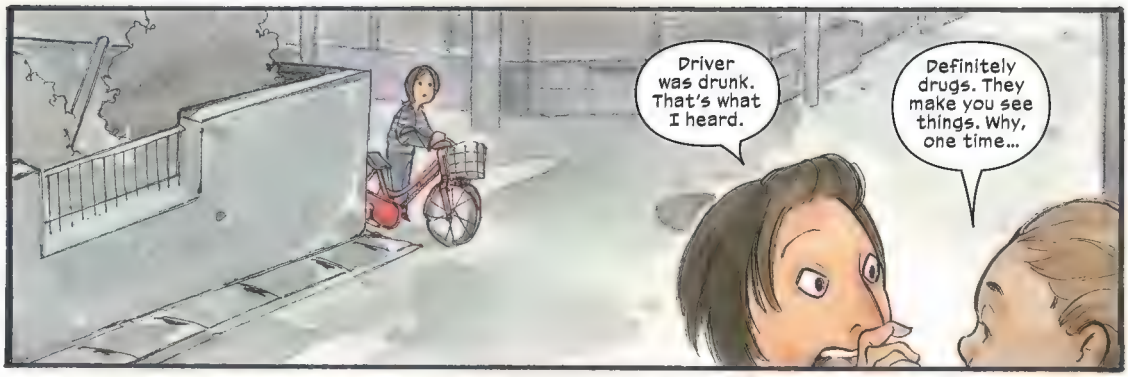

SKREEEEE--
CRASHH!

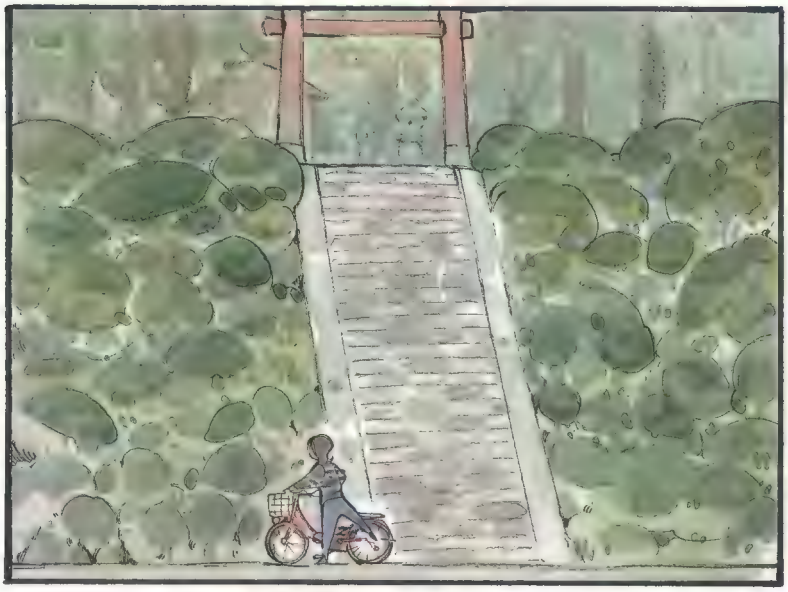
That car! But I'm not...
...hurt...?

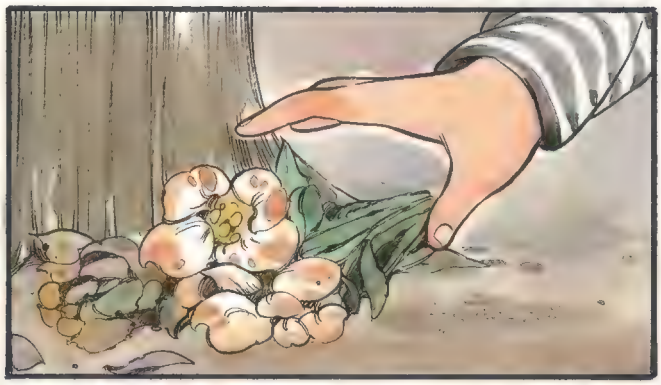

This was when my life changed. I would never be normal again.
Everything I had tried to avoid came crashing down on me all at once.
I was so scared...


THE NEXT DAY.
A car accident last night in Kirisaki City left a driver in critical condition. Witnesses said the car struck something, but police investigations are still ongoing.
Damage to the car is total. The driver says he swerved to avoid a young girl, but no such person has been found. If anyone has information, call...
Hisako, lunch is ready.
It's my fault.
It's my fault.
It's all my fault.

Hisako? Aren't you hungry?
If you're going out, don't forget your key! I'm working late tonight.
And stay out of trouble!!!


Driver was drunk. That's what I heard.
Definitely drugs. They make you see things. Why, one time...





Guilty conscience, Hisako?
Or were you looking for THIS? You dropped your diploma last night.
Wouldn't want to leave behind EVIDENCE, would you?
Come, Hisako.
This will be easier if you join me.
This isn't about Tsubasa's death at all. That's just your excuse.
Why don't you tell me what you really want from me?
Why would you say that?

I only wanted to help you work through your trauma.
You play the victim, hide secure in your carapace.
No longer. I'll tear you out of your snug little shell.
YOU TRAITOR!

This is your fault. Tsubasa should never have relied on you.
A dream.
This is a dream.
I'm dreaming!
This is just a dream!!!

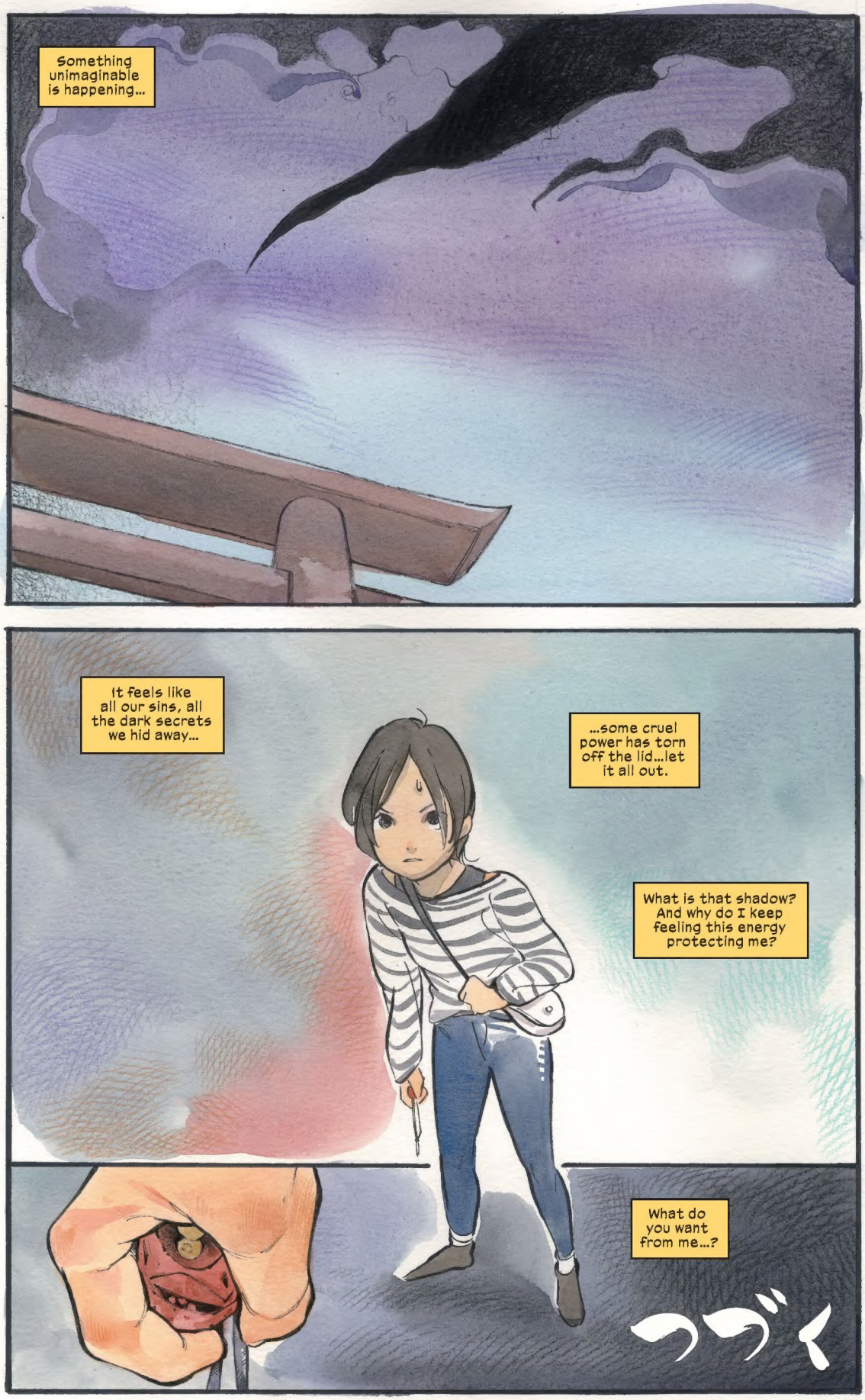
So you say Tsubasa's death is only a bad dream?
A dream!
A dream!
Here's a little secret. My curse is already in motion.
And the first victim is someone you know.
Shut up!

It's too late.

Hisako? It's been a while. You were good friends with Tsubasa, right? So...you know that teacher, right? Tsubasa's coach? He...hung himself.

This morning. Did you know already? Everyone's talking about it. There's all those rumors that he bullied Tsubasa... Anyway, I thought you'd want to know.

Hisako?
Are you there?
Helloooo...
What the hell is going on?


Something unimaginable is happening...
It feels like all our sins, all the dark secrets we hid away...
...some cruel power has torn off the lid...let it all out.
What is that shadow? And why do I keep feeling this energy protecting me?
What do you want from me...?
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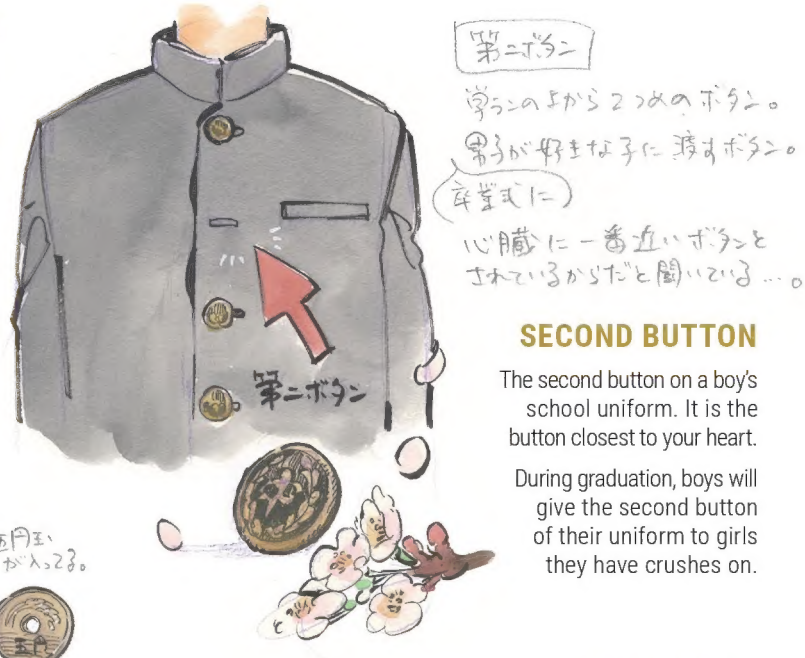
To be continued...

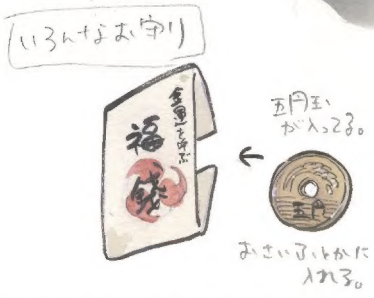
LEXICON



SECOND BUTTON

The second button on a boy's school uniform. It is the button closest to your heart.

During graduation, boys will give the second button of their uniform to girls they have crushes on.



OMAMORI

Various types of charms.

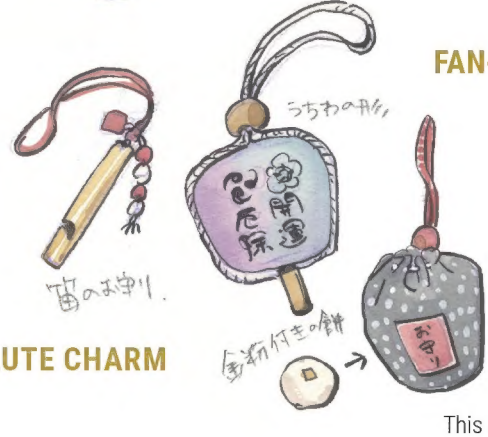
This bag holds five yen. In Japanese, five yen is pronounced "GO EN," which means "relationship." The charm represents good luck with relationships, fortune and work.

OMIKUJU (FORTUNE) INSIDE

You peel off the sticker to read your fortune.

GETA (SANDAL) CHARM

Carry this to avoid getting in any accidents while traveling.



FAN-SHAPED CHARM

FLUTE CHARM

This charm contains gold-leaf mochi.